

Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission Cooperative Agreement (\$4,000,000). I would ban earmarks as we know them, but as long as these earmarks are available, I'm going to apply for them in an effort to pursue federal funding opportunities for my district. For non-defense projects in the current earmarking system, I work closely with local governments, civic organizations, non-profits and business development authorities to identify and prioritize projects important to local communities in Georgia's Eighth Congressional District (and sometimes elsewhere). I only request funds for projects authorized by law for federal funding and do not do so for private parties or entities. This project will improve water irrigation application on farms, conduct irrigation system performance audits, and provide technical and financial assistance to landowners developing agricultural ponds. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will help expand the availability of water to support agricultural and drinking purposes. Beneficiary: Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission, 4310 Lexington Road, P. O. Box 8024, Athens, GA 30603.